

Weather Alert Radios

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How a weather alert radio can keep you safe

A weather alert radio broadcasts round-the-clock weather reports from the National Weather Service.

This special radio also alerts you if there is a dangerous storm or other emergency threatening the area.

This includes tornadoes, floods, ice/snow storms, 911 telephone outages, AMBER alerts, terrorist attacks and other emergencies.

HOW IT WORKS: During emergencies, your weather alert radio will be activated automatically. Your radio will sound an alarm designed to wake you if you are sleeping.

The alarm alerts you to turn on the radio receiver. You will then hear important information about the emergency.

The broadcasts are in English. Listeners with limited English proficiency should make arrangements beforehand to translate the information.

Read the owner's instruc-

tion manual to learn how your radio works.

VISUAL ALERTS: Some radios will display a written alert about the emergency.

One such model is the Midland® WR-100. For exam-



This illustration shows how a tornado alert would be visually displayed on the Midland WR-100 radio.

A red light means "warning," indicating that an emergency exists and you should take protective action now. This action will depend on the emergency.

An orange light means

"watch," indicating that conditions might produce an emergency and you should be prepared to act quickly to be safe.

A yellow light means "advisory," indicating that you should stay informed about current and projected conditions.

BATTERY BACKUP: Your radio should have a battery backup in case the electricity goes out. You should change the batteries at least twice a year and keep extra fresh batteries close to the radio.

Weather alert radios can be purchased at many retail stores and on the Internet. For more information, go to the National Weather Service's NOAA Weather Radio Web site: www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr.